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DISTRICT ONE NEWS FROM KING COUNTY COUNCILMEMBER

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

With the 2004 budget passed, it is time to reflect on what we have accomplished and where we are headed. In spite of many challenges, this has been a good year for King County. Voters passed a parks levy. The Green River murders have been solved. We had no confirmed cases of SARS or West Nile Virus in humans. The Council adopted a balanced budget that closed a \$24 million deficit while sustaining our human services safety net. The council remains focused on maintaining and improving the vital services residents depend on.



King County is still faced with many challenges. The county's financial health must be addressed head on in order to stop the continuing gap between revenues and expenses. Annexation and creating a stable funding source for human services are both priority issues before the council. In addition, the county will be faced with tough decisions regarding public health, Brightwater construction and mitigation, and the solid waste business plan. Many of these issues are especially important to District One. As your representative and advocate, I will work hard to ensure that the district's needs are represented at the King County Council.

Communication and feedback are tools I rely on to ensure my voice accurately represents the needs of District One. Every month I meet with the administration of each suburban city in District One. I also attend a monthly meeting of the north suburban mayors. These meetings serve to build relations and ensure King County is providing the necessary resources.

Most importantly, I value hearing from you. Whether it is by phone, email or letter, I value your opinions and concerns. Please fill out and return the attached survey regarding your priorities for District One. I have recently updated my website at www.metrokc.gov/edmonds which also contains a feedback form for your convenience.

Together we face challenges, while continuing to make our community a better place to call home. I look forward to continuing to serve you in 2004. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me, if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

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2003 Budget Summary

With the budget challenges facing King County, I was pleased that we were able to close this year's \$24 million dollar deficit through entrepreneurial business efforts while maintaining human service funding at the 2003 level.

The business efforts included two policy changes; the passage of the Parks Levy, providing \$7 million a year to sustain our regional park and trail system, and passage of the Solid Waste Omnibus Ordinance resulting in \$7 million designated to human services. The remaining \$10 million shortfall was closed through staff reductions and program cuts.



Councilmember Edmonds delivers van to City of Shoreline at the 2003 Skate Jam skate park event.

Serving as Chair of the King County Board of Health, I advocated for increased funding for public health. I was successful in securing funds for emerging global health threats like SARS and West Nile Virus, clean drinking water, HIV/AIDS Prevention, Teen Health Centers, and language interpreter services.

District One Budget Highlights

Secured Funding

\$ 61,633
\$110,000
\$1,808,841
\$2,390,000
\$350,000
\$560,011
\$105,147
\$36,099
\$1,194,700
\$178,569,564

District One Program Funded

Adult Day Health in Shoreline and Bothell
Food Lifeline
SeaShore Transit Corridor Improvements
1st NE Transfer Station Facility Master Plan Implementation
Burke Gilman Trail Tunnel in Kenmore
Highway 99 Transit Corridor Improvements
Northshore Youth & Family Services
Center for Human Services
Hidden Lake Pump Station
Brightwater Design and Construction

Public Health

It is my privilege to serve as Chair of the King County Board of Health. Public Health staff provide a broad array of services designed to prevent health problems from starting or spreading. Public Health helps the entire community by protecting and promoting the health and safety of all residents.



Some of the services provided by Public Health – Seattle & King County include:

- Infectious disease outbreak response and control
- Sexually transmitted disease, HIV, and TB testing and treatment
- Immunizations and family planning services for the entire community
- Restaurant inspections, assurance of safe drinking water, local hazardous waste control
- Autopsies and maintenance of birth and death records

The Northshore Public Health Center, in Bothell, serves the residents of District One. They can be contacted at (206) 296-9787.

District One Highlights for 2003

- Some Metro routes in the district have gone through a number of changes this year. Through the Sounding Board, a process which involved citizen input and negotiation, these service changes were designed to improve efficiency without the benefit of adding additional service due to budgetary constraints.
- In May, overwhelming voter support passed the 4.9-cent, four year, King County Parks Levy creating a designated revenue source for regional parks and trails.
- This summer King County offered three technical seminars regarding Brightwater, the regional wastewater treatment plant to be sited in Snohomish County. Brightwater engineers and staff continued to expand and refine the scientific analyses and studies for the Brightwater alternatives. The Brightwater website is <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wtd/brightwater>
- The Brightwater Teachers Task Force was established with educators from the Northshore and Lake Washington School District. The task force was formed to research the possibility of using mitigation funds to establish a state of the art education facility for our region on the selected site and gave their report to Council on October 27.
- Since 1995, the King County Council has donated retired vans to nonprofit groups, and local governments. This year I was pleased to turn over the keys of two surplus Metropolitan King County Vanpool vans to the Center for Human Services and the City of Shoreline.
- On December 5, 2003, the Shoreline District Court was rededicated the Judge Robert A. Wacker Memorial Building, in honor of the late Judge. Judge Wacker served the Shoreline community from 1975-2003 and is greatly missed.



✂ Complete this survey, then cut along dotted line and mail to me postage-paid:

2003 District One Questionnaire

What King County services do you feel are priorities for District One?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Parks & Trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Metro Bus & Park-n-Ride Lots |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Human Services Funding | <input type="checkbox"/> 1st Northeast Transfer Station |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District & Superior Court | <input type="checkbox"/> Arts & Cultural Services Funding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Voter Registration | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health (See page 2) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (See back page) | |

Comments:

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Services Provided by King County

Here are a few examples of services provided by the County

- Harborview Medical Center - Treasury for taxing jurisdictions other than cities - Regional Parks, Fairgrounds, & Aquatic Center - Records & Elections - Homelessness Services & Affordable Housing - King County Airport - Arts & Cultural Resources - Developmental Disabilities Programs - Public Health - Medical Examiner - Solid Waste - 911 Services - Mental Health - Assessor - Wastewater Treatment - Metro Transit System - Adult Detention for Felons - Juvenile Detention & Youth and Family Services - Juvenile & Felony Prosecution - Superior Court & Judicial Administration - District Court: civil, small claims, domestic violence - Public Defense for Felons & Juveniles - Sheriff Regional Resources -
All Local Government Functions for residents of unincorporated King County.



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